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REMARKS

In an office action mailed September 26, 2003, claims 15-20 and 32 have been

allowed and claims 21 and 27-31 have been rejected. By this amendment, claims 21 and 27-

31 have been cancelled. Claims 15-20 and 32 are pending in the application.

Applicants extend their gratitude to Examiner White for allowing claims 15-20 and

32.

Rejections Under §102

In the office action, claims 21, 27 and 30 have been rejected under §102(b) as being

anticipated by Wikstrom, and claims 28-31 have been rejected under §102(e) as being

anticipated by Huizenga.

In response, and in the interest of moving the application towards allowance,

Applicants have cancelled claims 21 and 17-31. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 21 and

27-31 under §102 has been rendered moot.

Rejection Under §103

Claims 21, 27 and 30 stand rejected under §103 as being unpatentable over Wikstrom,

and claims 28, 29 and 31 stand rejected under §103 as being unpatentable over Huizenga.

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In response, and in the interest of moving the application towards allowance,
Applicants have cancelled claims 21 and 27-31. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 21 and
27-31 under §103 has been rendered moot.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone discussion with the Applicant's representative would be of assistance, he is invited to contact the undersigned at his convenience.

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